



Master Gardener Volunteer Training COURSE REQUIREMENTS

To Receive A Letter of Class Completion (Educational Component):

Attendance: Students are allowed to miss only one of the core sessions. If available, a student may make up the missed core session in another county's Master Gardener training class. A schedule of area Master Gardener training classes will be made available.

	Points
Class points: Quizzes (10 each-take home)	100
Final exam	100
Total	<u>200</u>

70 percent (or 140 total points) is required for certification

Final exam: Notes may also be used. Final exam will be take home and due back one week after completion of class.

Full refund: A full refund is only available if a student withdraws by class registration deadline and no *Master Gardener Core Manual* has been issued.

To Receive Master Gardener Certification (Certificate):

- ★ Complete the above class educational component requirements.
- ★ Complete 40 volunteer hours** of an approved MSU Extension - Bay County Master Gardener community service project within one calendar year (volunteer component). An approved Volunteer Opportunities projects list is updated annually.
**Requirement: A minimum of 20 volunteer hours must be worked on a community service project chosen from the "Required Hours" section of the annual MSU Extension - Bay County Master Gardener Volunteer Opportunities project list.

To Maintain Active Master Gardener Status (Recertification):

A Master Gardener Volunteer may recertify for participation in the program for another year by:

- Providing a minimum of 15 hours of MSU-approved volunteer service each year and completing five (5) hours of horticulture education training each year. *Note: all educational programs, even if sponsored by MSU, must be approved by the Bay County Master Gardener volunteer coordinator.*